

SENATE RESOLUTION

8693

By Senators Becker, Mullet, Sheldon, Short, Wagoner, and Warnick

1 WHEREAS, The first creamery in Washington was started in Cheney
2 in 1880; and

3 WHEREAS, Washington's dairy industry is actually older than the
4 state itself; and

5 WHEREAS, Families across Washington have depended on the safe and
6 nutritious dairy products provided by the dairy farmers of Washington
7 state for generations; and

8 WHEREAS, Dairy is an essential part of a healthy diet, is one of
9 the major food groups represented on the USDA's "MyPlate" dietary
10 guidelines, and three cups of dairy products per day are recommended
11 for people nine years old and older; and

12 WHEREAS, There are approximately four hundred twenty family dairy
13 farms in Washington state with approximately two hundred seventy-
14 seven thousand dairy cows; and

15 WHEREAS, Dairy ranks as the second highest dollar-valued
16 agricultural commodity produced in Washington, with a direct economic
17 impact valued at two billion three hundred million dollars and a
18 total value to Washington's economy of more than five billion two
19 hundred million dollars; and

20 WHEREAS, There are over six thousand one hundred eighty-four on-
21 farm dairy jobs in twenty-nine counties across Washington and over
22 twelve thousand one hundred fifty-nine jobs in the dairy industry in
23 total; and

1 WHEREAS, Washington's milk production ranked second in dollar
2 value among all of Washington's bountiful agricultural commodities;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Washington ranks tenth in the nation for number of dairy
5 cows per state; and

6 WHEREAS, Washington ranks sixth in the nation in milk production
7 per cow, with twenty-three thousand eight hundred forty-eight pounds
8 of milk per year; and

9 WHEREAS, Dairy Day at the legislature takes place on January 31,
10 2018, when legislators will visit with Washington dairy producers and
11 enjoy delicious dairy products that are produced in Washington and
12 will be handed out by the Washington State Dairy Federation,
13 Washington State Dairy Women, and the state and county Dairy
14 Ambassadors;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate
16 acknowledge and honor the women and men whose work on dairy farms
17 throughout Washington has contributed much to the strength and
18 vitality of our economy, the character of our communities, and the
19 general well-being of our citizens; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
21 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Washington
22 State Dairy Ambassador Anna Teachman, alternate Ambassadors Juliana
23 LeClair and Claire Leininger, Dairy Farmers of Washington, and the
24 Washington State Dairy Federation.

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